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Re: MM Docket No. 95-92

Dear Mr. Caton:

August 30, 1995

On behalf of CBS Inc., National Broadcasting Company, Inc. and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc., I attach for filing with the Commission an original and four copies of a Motion for Extension of Time to File Comments in the above rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely,

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In the Matter of)
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Review of the Commission's) MM Docket No. 95-92
Regulations Governing Programming)
Practices of Broadcast Television)
Networks and Affiliates)

MOTION OF CBS INC., NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
AND CAPITAL CITIES/ABC, INC., FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

CBS Inc. ("CBS"), National Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("NBC") and Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. ("ABC"), hereby request that the Commission extend the time in which comments may be filed in the above-captioned proceeding from September 28, 1995 until October 27, 1995, and that the date for filing reply comments be extended accordingly. We are authorized to state that the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance ("NASA") supports this request.

Comments in this proceeding were originally due on August 28, 1995. On July 17, 1995, NASA filed a request for a 60 day extension of time with the concurrence of the above parties. The Commission denied NASA's motion for a 60 day extension, but did grant an extension until September 28, 1995, the date on which comments are presently due. See, Order Granting Extension of Time

in MM Docket 95-92, DA 95-1711 (released August 3, 1995).

CBS, NBC and ABC now request that a further extension be granted until the date originally proposed by NASA. This proceeding, in which the Commission is reexamining longstanding rules dealing with network-affiliate relations, is of vital interest to the above networks. Each of them accordingly wishes to prepare a comprehensive response to the issues raised by the Commission in its Notice. However, it would be difficult for them to do so in the time presently available, because of their concurrent involvement in major corporate transactions and the simultaneous pendency of other Commission rulemaking proceedings.

Thus, as the Commission is aware, ABC and CBS have recently entered merger agreements with, respectively, the Walt Disney Company ("Disney") and Westinghouse Electric Corporation ("Westinghouse"). In addition, on September 10, 1995, CBS and NBC are scheduled to close transactions by which the broadcast licenses of five television stations will change hands. Concurrently with the closing of these transactions, CBS will close an agreement announced in July 1994 to form a joint venture partnership with Westinghouse to acquire and operate major market television stations. Further, CBS expects, prior to the current filing deadline in the instant proceeding, to consummate its acquisitions

of WPRI-TV, Providence, Rhode Island, and WGPR-TV, Detroit, Michigan. In addition, NBC has recently entered an agreement with Outlet Communications, Inc. to acquire WCMH(TV), Columbus, Ohio and WJAR(TV), Providence, Rhode Island. To varying degrees, the managements and legal staffs of the above networks have been -- and continue to be -- necessarily preoccupied with these transactions, attendant affiliation changes, and the filing of related FCC applications.

In addition to their involvement in these transactions, each of the undersigned parties has just filed comments in the Commission's current rulemaking proceeding regarding the network sales representation and station rate rules. Reply comments in that important proceeding are due on September 27, 1995 -- one day before the current deadline for filing initial comments herein. Moreover, comments are now being prepared (or will shortly be in preparation) in connection with the Commission's current rulemaking proceedings regarding children's television programming and HDTV.

In these circumstances, an extension of the current filing deadline herein is necessary if the networks are to have a full opportunity to present their views to the Commission concerning the issues raised in the Notice. Indeed, NASA's support for the instant request means that all of the parties most vitally

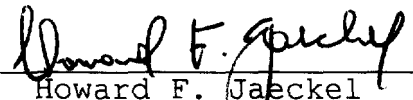
interested in this proceeding believe that more time is needed for the preparation of meaningful filings. The public interest would therefore clearly be served by the grant of the requested extension.

Accordingly, CBS, NBC and ABC respectfully request that the Commission extend the date for the filing of initial comments in this proceeding through and including October 27, 1995, and adjust the due date for reply comments accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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